(b) whether the foundry industry has requested for bank loans at concessional rates; and

(c) if so, the response of Government to these demands?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Representations are received from time to time by Government from Foundry industry for lowering the import and excise duties on pig iron.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The issue of concessional finance and reduction/abolition of import and excise duties on raw-materials is reviewed from time to time taking into account relevant factors, such as revenue loss, manufacturing margins, international and indigenous prices.

Losses to NCCF

495. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 2766 given in Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the item-wise/transaction-wise/year-wise details of the losses which make a total of Rs. 903.09 lakhs;

(b) whether the total cummulative losses have now repeatedly gone up; if so, what are the latest figures of losses item-wise/transaction-wise/year-wise;

(c) whether 'minor penalty' earlier mentioned to be imposed on CAF in connection with the FCI supplies to Army purchases organisation have since been imposed on him; if so, when; if not, by when the same is likely to be imposed; and

(d) the reasons for which CAF is not suspended, like others, facing CBI inquiry and is allegedly involved in report and sale of dry dates which is currently under regular investigation by CBI?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The NCCF have reported that they do not maintain item-wise/transaction-wise/ profit and loss account. The year-wise details of the total losses are as follows:—

Year	(Rs. in lakhs) Amount
1983-84	120.12
1984-85	254.34
1985-86	271.47
1986-87	257.36
	Total: 903.29

(b) NCCF have incurred a net loss of Rs. 185.47 lacs during 1987-88. The cummulative losses as on 30.6.88 have gone upto Rs. 1088.76 lacs.

(c) The proceedings are in progress and no time limit can be fixed for their finalisation.

(d) The officer was placed under suspension on 6.5.86 in connection with supply of pulses to FCI which was investigated by the CBI as stated in unstarred question No. 2766 answered on 17-3-89.

The suspension was revoked by the NCCF Management in May, 1988 as the CBI in its report in that case had not recommended any action against him. The CBI have not furnished any report so far to Government on the Import and Sale of Dry dates.

Enquiry against Patna Branch Manager of NCCF

496. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1224